

post on the possibility of reactivating Barbie, rejected the possibility because of the sensitivity of the case and the fact that Barbie did not appear to have access to useful information. When the European post provided ^{and} updated information suggested that Barbie may indeed have had important contacts in Bolivia, the Army approached CIA to explore the possibility that Barbie might be contacted and "assessed." The CIA discouraged the idea, based on the Army's past role in assisting Barbie, and insisted on assurances from the Army that Barbie could be operated with stringent security on highly important matters before it would consider approving his use. The Army either felt it could not meet these conditions or was persuaded by the CIA's misgivings, and eventually withdrew the request. As far as can be determined, Barbie was in fact not contacted by U.S. representatives during or after this episode, and no relationship was established.

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There is one event that deserves mention in this context. A former official of the Bolivian Ministry of the Interior, interviewed in La Paz in this investigation, stated that, in the mid-1970's, Barbie passed on to him certain information regarding [REDACTED] intelligence operations in several countries in South America. This official, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] believed the information [REDACTED] U.S. Govt and passed it to the U.S. Govt.
would be of interest to the [REDACTED]

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The Bolivian official did not remember if [redacted] ^{the U.S. Govt. was told} that the information came from Barbie, but he was sure that the information was unsolicited and that the [redacted] ^{U.S. Govt.} did not relay any information or desires through the Bolivian official intended for Barbie.

A U.S. Govt. official recalled that he [redacted] had received information from ^{the Bolivian} [redacted] official, from time to time, [redacted]. But he did not remember the name Altmann or Barbie.

Assuming for the present that the Bolivian official told the [redacted] ^{former} ^{U.S. Govt.} that the information came from Altmann/Barbie, there is no evidence that the information was solicited, or that Barbie was paid in any way for it (nor did the Bolivian official seek or accept payment for this information); there is no evidence that any information was passed from the [redacted] ^{U.S. Govt.} directly or indirectly, to Barbie. Thus, this incident does not demonstrate a relationship between Barbie and the [redacted] ^{U.S. Govt.}

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